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E.O. 11652:

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SUBJECT: US-JAPAN PLANNING TALKS

REFERENCE: STATE 218854; TOKYO 13934

1. REQUEST EMBASSY INFORM JAPANESE PLANNERS THAT PROPOSED DATES FOR PLANNING TALKS, I.E., FEBRUARY 7-9, 1976, ARE AGREEABLE. FYI: WE ASSUME THE DISCUSSIONS WILL ACTUALLY COVER NO MORE THAN TWO DAYS PER PAST PRACTICE. END FYI.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE AGENDA, WE WILL AWAIT FURTHER MFA THOUGHTS AS TO HOW WE MIGHT STRUCTURE THE DISCUSSIONS ON NORTHEAST ASIA AND ON SECURITY ISSUES. WE AGREE THAT DETAILED DISCUSSION OF EXPANDED US-JAPAN DEFENSE COOPERATION WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATELY TAKEN UP IN NEW FORUMS BEING ESTABLISHED AS A RESULT OF THE SCHLESINGER-SAKATA TALKS.

3. AS FAR AS PAPERS ARE CONCERNED, WE HAVE NORMALLY EXCHANGED DISCUSSION PAPERS ON AT LEAST TWO OF THE TOPICS APPROXIMATELY TWO TO THREE WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THE TALKS. DOES MR. KAGAMI HAVE ANY PROPOSAL AS TO WHICH TOPICS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IN WRITTEN PAPERS?

4. IN CONNECTION WITH FORTHCOMING KISSINGER TRIP TO CHINA, LORD WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH KAGAMI DURING TOKYO STOPOVER. KISSINGER

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